

REMARKS

In accordance with the following, reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 14-34, and 76-77 are pending. Claims 14, 20, and 76-77, are the independent claims. Claims 37-40 and 79-80 have been cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 14-34, 76 and 77 are allowed. By the present amendment canceling the withdrawn claims, applicants believe the case is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that the present Amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action. However, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to such matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 503333.

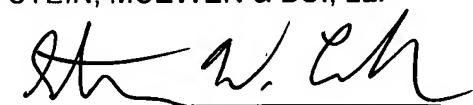
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